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FOR CONCEALING ERASED PERIODIC SIGNAL DATA Customer No.

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## First Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.